

DIARY NOTES

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1. With Jim Garrison and [REDACTED] I spent about an hour at the new building. I believe that the north half, with the exception of the Signal Center, will be ready for us to move into by 1 August. I do not know, however, how long it is going to take to finish the south half inasmuch as all work is now being concentrated so that the DD/I can move in in August. H

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2. I asked Garrison to have another look at our unitized furniture requirements and to make sure that we have enough for the entire building. If not, I think I can find about \$600,000 to buy some more. There are also going to be special requirements for reception rooms, conference rooms, drapes for the cafeteria, etc., which should be included in these requirements. (In this connection, the Director telephoned to say that [REDACTED] would be down on 5 April and was bringing with him an interior decorator from Harrison & Abramovitz. I have arranged to have [REDACTED] accompany me to this meeting so that we may discuss the decoration of a number of offices and suites. I also advised the Director that we would not have an elevator at the new building for perhaps another two months and recommended that we not invite people like Senator Saltonstall, Mr. Cannon, etc., out until after that time. He agrees.) H

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4. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that he had conferred with [REDACTED] 25X1A5A1 and with [REDACTED] was all booked up for many months to come. [REDACTED] says he knows everyone who is in the business and capable of conducting this kind of course and that there really isn't anyone available this spring. He still plans to come to us this fall and next spring. I conveyed this to Matt Baird and told him that I was a little pessimistic about being able to arrange anything this spring but that we should not give up just yet.

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5. [REDACTED] talked to me about a letter which has been received from Mr. Rivercombe requesting access to our property from an apartment house which he proposes to build on the Rivercombe property. The communication is actually from a Mr. Holloway. Mr. Rivercombe says that he talked to me about this and that as he remembers it I seemed to have no objection to this. I do not recall ever talking to Mr. Rivercombe about it, and if I did, I am certain I made no such statement. I told H. S. to prepare our reply accordingly. H

6. Ken Sprankle of the House Appropriations Committee Staff called me to ask me to consider for employment an old friend of Mr. Taber's whose name is

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7. I attended the Supergrade Review Board meeting:

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a. The approval of promotion of Mr. [REDACTED] of ONE and [REDACTED] of NPIC to GS-16 was approved. I finally had to go along with the [REDACTED] promotion but did gain recognition that at least the Chiefs of Support of the EE and FE Divisions warrant a GS-16 grade and that there may be a number of others. 25X1A9A

b. It was also agreed that we should re-examine our entire supergrade structure, particularly in consideration of the fact that the new Administration is granting some new positions to other agencies and because Emmett Echols feels that we are considerably below the Foreign Service. This report is to be prepared as soon as possible, and each Deputy Director agreed to give the Personnel people making this study some of their personal time to assist in this evaluation.

c. It was also agreed that we should eliminate the "temporary" promotions to supergrades and that we should leave the regulations unchanged. (The Director confirmed this at the Deputies' Meeting the following day. However, I want to examine the regulation with Larry Houston and see whether or not it is necessary to leave the "temporary" in our regulation. I must also tell Emmett Echols how to handle this particular problem.)

d. I recommended that the Efficiency Task Force, which has been chaired by Mr. Kirkpatrick and which has not accomplished anything that I know of in the two years of its existence, be abolished. There was no disagreement, so I assume that it can be considered as abolished.

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